the Seventh and Eighth Five Year Plans, is given below:—

(Lakhs MT)

	Nitrogen Capacity			Phosphate Capcity		
	Target	Actual	Shortfall	Target	Actual	Shortfall
End of Seventh Plan (i.e. by 1989-90)	92·53	81·48	(—)11·05	28·91	27·50	(—)1·41
Intervening Years :						
1990-91	82·62*	81·48	(—) 1·14	28.40	27·50	(—) 0·90
1991-92	85·43*	Year not complete		29·45	Year not complete	

*These targets were fixed on the bsis of the Report of the Working Group on Fertilizer for the Eighth Plan.

Decontrol of prices and distribution of molasses and industrial alcohol

2090. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal under consideration to decontrol the pricing and distribution of molasses and industrial alcohol; if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(b) whether States with surplus production of industrial alcohol have sought permission to export this product if so, what action was taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Export is in the form of ethyl alcohol. Central Government has been allowing specified quantities of ethyl, alcohol for export from year to year after taking into account its likely production and domestic requirements. Permission for export of 1,000 lakh litres of Ethyl Alcohol has last been given in September, 1991.

Writ petition against the recovery of Flucinolone Acetonide

2091. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1581 given in the Rajya Sabha on 12th September, 1991 and state:

(a) when the writ petition against recovery in respect of Flucinolone Acetoride was filed by the company in Bombay High Court and when the parawise comments was sent by Government;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government have still to file affidavit in the Bombay High Court in the case;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for delay; and

(d) what steps have been taken to expedite the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) The Writ petition against recovery in respect of Fluocinolone Acetonide was filed by M/s. Lyka in Bombay High Court in August, 1990 and the parawise comments were sent to Central Government Advocate in September, 1990.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) The finalisation of counter affidavit in the above Court case at Bombay High Court is still in the process stage and is being expedited.

Demand and supply of edible oil

@2092. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the demand and supply of edible oils in the country during last three years;

(b) whether it is a fact that the gap between demand and supply is widening;

(c) if so, the quantity of edible oil imported and the value thereof;

(d) the steps taken to achieve self-sufficiency in oil-seeds during the Seventh Plan period; and

(e) the details of the programmes launched under the Technology Mission on oilseeds and the progress made so for?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLY AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) The demand and supply of edible oils in the country during the last three years are as under:—

(Qty. in lakh MTs)

Oil-Year (Nov-Oct)	Indigenous production of edible oils	Demand as per Planning Commission
1988-89	49·50	55·34
1989-90	47·22	57·72
1990-91 (Estimated)	54.00	60·26

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The quantity of edible oil imported and the value thereof are as under:-

Oil-Year (Nov-Oct)	Imports of edible oils	Value (Rs. in crores)
	(in lakh MTs)	
1988-89	3.73	245.71
1989-90	6.07	323.32
1990-91	1.08	79.33

(d) and (e) The steps taken to achieve self-sufficiency in oilseeds/edible oils are:—

1. Two centrally sponsored schemes namely National Oilseeds Development Projects (NODP) and Oilseeds Production Thrust Project (OPTP) which were operating till 1989-90 have been merged during 1990-91 into a single scheme namely Oilseeds Production Programmes (OPP). This schemes essentially provides assistance to the States for production and distribution of quality seeds, plant protection measures including supply of plant protection chemicals and equipments and organising demonstration of advanced technology.
2. The oilseeds projects of the NDDB.
3. Setting up of a Technology Mission on Oilseeds established in May, 1986 for harnessing the best of production, processing and management technologies.
4. Better incentives to producers through fixation of minimum support prices of major oilseeds.
5. Intensification of research efforts for increasing the production of oilseeds.
6. Increasing the area under non-traditional oilseeds crops like soyabean

@*Previously Unstarred Questiton* 1506, *Transferred from the 6th December,* 1991.